

### IN THE CLAIMS

- 1-17. (Cancelled)
18. (New) A hard head foil cap, comprising:
- a. a head cap; and
  - b. a plurality of long narrow slits cut into the head cap such that shanks of hair can be pulled through any such slit for hair coloring, and wherein the slits have width in the range of 1/64" to 1/4", and wherein said slits are zig-zag shaped.
19. (New) A hard head foil cap, comprising:
- a. a head cap made of plastic, foam, or rubber, or waterproof fabric; and
  - b. a plurality of long narrow slits cut into the head cap such that shanks of hair can be pulled through any such slit for hair coloring, and wherein the slits have width in the range of 1/64" to 1/4", and wherein said slits are zig-zag shaped.
20. (New) A hard head foil cap, comprising:
- a. a head cap; and
  - b. a plurality of long narrow slits cut into the head cap such that shanks of hair can be pulled through any such slit for hair coloring, and wherein the slits have width in the range of 1/64" to 1/4", and wherein the slits are configured with interlocking seams for a linear press-closure which holds together by interference between two linear elements of either side of the seal such that the slit can be partially closed to tighten the slit upon the shank of the hair.

21. (New) A hard head foil cap, comprising:
- a. a head cap made of plastic, foam, or rubber, or waterproof fabric; and
  - b. a plurality of long narrow slits cut into the head cap such that shanks of hair can be pulled through any such slit for hair coloring, and wherein the slits have width in the range of 1/64" to 1/4", and wherein the slits are configured with interlocking seams for a linear press-closure which holds together by interference between two linear elements of either side of the seal such that the slit can be partially closed to tighten the slit upon the shank of the hair.
22. (New) A hard head foil cap, comprising:
- a. a head cap, wherein said cap is made of plastic, foam, or rubber, or waterproof fabric; and
  - b. a plurality of long narrow slits cut into the head cap such that shanks of hair can be pulled through any such slit, and wherein the slits are configured in two or more orientations, wherein the slits have length in the range of 1" to 4" and width in the range of 1/64" to 1/4", and wherein the slits are spaced apart with spacing in the range of 1/2" to 2", wherein said slits are zig-zag shaped.
23. (New) A hard head foil cap, comprising:
- a. a head cap, wherein said cap is made of plastic, foam, or rubber, or waterproof fabric; and
  - b. a plurality of long narrow slits cut into the head cap such that shanks of hair can be pulled through any such slit, and wherein the slits are

configured in two or more orientations, wherein the slits have length in the range of 1" to 4" and width in the range of 1/64" to 1/4", and wherein the slits are spaced apart with spacing in the range of 1/2" to 2", and wherein said slits are zig-zag shaped and the slits are reinforced by one of the group selected from stitching the slits and adding thicker plastic around the slits.

24. (New) A hard head foil cap, comprising:

a. a head cap, wherein said cap is made of plastic, foam, or rubber, or waterproof fabric; and

b. a plurality of long narrow slits cut into the head cap such that shanks of hair can be pulled through any such slit, and wherein the slits are configured in two or more orientations, wherein the slits have length in the range of 1" to 4" and width in the range of 1/64" to 1/4", and wherein the slits are spaced apart with spacing in the range of 1/2" to 2", and wherein the slits are configured with interlocking seams for a linear press-closure which holds together by interference between two linear elements of either side of the seal such that the slit can be partially closed to tighten the slit upon the shank of the hair.

25. (New) A method of treating hair, comprising steps of:

a. Placing a head cap over the hair of the person whose hair is to be colored, wherein said cap is made of plastic, foam, or rubber, or waterproof fabric, wherein said cap is provided with a plurality of long narrow slits cut into the head cap such that shanks of hair can be pulled

through any such slit for hair coloring, and wherein the slits are configured in two or more orientations, wherein the slits have length in the range of 1" to 4" and width in the range of 1/64" to 1/4", and wherein the slits are spaced apart with spacing in the range of 1/2" to 2", and wherein said slits are zig-zag shaped;

- b. Pulling shanks of hair through said slits;
  - c. Treating said hair shank by coloring, frosting, foiling, bleaching or dying; and
  - d. Repeating steps (b) through (c) until the hair is the treatment is done.
26. (New) A method of treating hair, comprising steps of:
- a. Placing a head cap over the hair of the person whose hair is to be colored, wherein said cap is made of plastic, foam, or rubber, or waterproof fabric, wherein said cap is provided with a plurality of long narrow slits cut into the head cap such that shanks of hair can be pulled through any such slit for hair coloring, and wherein the slits are configured in two or more orientations, wherein the slits have length in the range of 1" to 4" and width in the range of 1/64" to 1/4", and wherein the slits are spaced apart with spacing in the range of 1/2" to 2", and wherein said slits are zig-zag shaped and the slits are reinforced by one of the group selected from stitching the slits and adding thicker plastic around the slits;
  - b. Pulling shanks of hair through said slits;
  - c. Treating said hair shank by coloring, frosting, foiling, bleaching or dying; and

- d. Repeating steps (b) through (c) until the hair is the treatment is done.
27. (New) A method of treating hair, comprising steps of:
- a. Placing a head cap over the hair of the person whose hair is to be colored, wherein said cap is made of plastic, foam, or rubber, or waterproof fabric, wherein said cap is provided with a plurality of long narrow slits cut into the head cap such that shanks of hair can be pulled through any such slit for hair coloring, and wherein the slits are configured in two or more orientations, wherein the slits have length in the range of 1" to 4" and width in the range of 1/64" to 1/4", and wherein the slits are spaced apart with spacing in the range of 1/2" to 2", and wherein the slits are configured with interlocking seams for a linear press-closure which holds together by interference between two linear elements of either side of the seal such that the slit can be partially closed to tighten the slit upon the shank of the hair,
- b. Pulling shanks of hair through said slits;
- c. Treating said hair shank by coloring, frosting, foiling, bleaching or dying; and
- d. Repeating steps (b) through (c) until the hair is the treatment is done.